Accreditation to educational institutions

*67. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC is or not required to consult the concerned administrative Ministry/authority before awarding NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) accreditation or the 'deemed to be University status' on an institution;

(b) whether it is a fact that in a few instances where institutions, particularly the institutions offering professional courses, were accorded, and continue to be accorded, Accreditation/University status even before the course or the college was/is formally recognised by the administrative Ministry; and

(c) if so, the details of such institutions with date of conferring Accreditation/University status and recognition by the concerned administrative authority and the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) According to the information received from the University Grants Commission (UGC), assessment/ accreditation of Universities/Colleges is done by the National Assessment & Accreditation Council. (NAAC), an autonomous body set up under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, and for this purpose, the Council is not required to consult any administrative Ministry/Authority. Similarly, for technical institutions, accreditation is accorded by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA), which is an autonomous body of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

Deemed to be University status is conferred on an institution of higher learning by the Central Government on the basis of the report of the UGC Expert Committee, duly recommended by the Commission, in terms of Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The UGC guidelines for considering proposals in this regard stipulate, *inter-alia*, that in case the institution is offering a degree/diploma in professional subject (s), the academic programme (s) should be recognised by the concerned statutory authority *e.g.* All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Medical Council

of India (MCI), Dental Council of India (DCI), Central Council for Homeopathy (CCH), Indian Nursing Council (INC) etc. before it applies for a deemed to be University status. This, however, is not applicable to the institutions in the emerging areas with promise of excellence which can be granted Deemed to be a Univesity status on provisional basis under *de-novo* category subject to a review after 5 years. The Central Government has granted Deemed to be University status to eight *de-novo* institutions as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the institution	Date of Notification
1.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad	04.08.2000
2.	Indian Institute of Information Technology & Management, Gwalior	26.03.2001
3.	International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad	21.08.2001
4.	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore	13.01.2003
5.	National Brain Research Centre, Gurgaon	20.05.2002
6.	Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana, Bangalore	08.05.2002
7.	Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi	07.05.2002
8.	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi	20.05.2002

Train between Bangalore and Vijayawada

*68. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the heavy demand from commuters to run express train from Bangalore to Vijayawada and to run Yeshwantpur-Howrah Express on a daily basis and consequent on the meeting with Chief Minister of Karnataka any decision has been taken; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?